Basic Needs Coalition/Best Single Source Project

Participating Organizations

- AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., Austin, TX
- Caritas of Austin, Austin, TX
- Goodwill Industries of Central Texas
- Any Baby Can
- Meals on Wheels and More
- Family Eldercare
- SafePlace

Please note that all data below was derived from the collaboration's nomination for the Collaboration Prize. None of the submitted data were independently verified for accuracy.

Type of Collaboration: Joint Programming to launch and manage one or more programs

Geographic Scope: City

Collaboration Focus Area: Human Services

Population Served: Economically Disadvantaged

Year Collaboration was Established: 2004

Goals Sought Through Collaboration:

- Maximize financial resources
- Achieve administrative efficiencies
- Address unmet and/or escalating community need
- Improve programmatic outcomes
- Expand reach and/or range of services / programs
- Improve the quality of services / programs

Who Initiated Collaboration: Executive Director(s) / CEO(s) / President(s)

Number of Participating Organizations: 8-10

Were Partners Added or Dropped?: Yes

Management Structure:

- Management team / oversight committee with representatives from each partner
- Coordinating agency, with one or more staff dedicated to the collaboration

Challenges to Making the Collaboration Work: Coordinating / merging / integrating operations

Internal Efficiencies and Effectiveness:

- Greater ability for each partner to focus on core competency - Greater ability to allocate resources to areas of need
- Enhanced ability to manage reporting, documentation, billing - Enhanced ability to manage reporting, documentation, billing
- Human resources - Shared and / or improved training and professional development

Community Impact:

- Improved programmatic outcomes
- Increase in number of clients / individuals / organizations served

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